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CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—1999–2000 REGULAR SESSION

## ASSEMBLY BILL

**No. 537**

**Introduced by Assembly Member Aroner**

February 18, 1999

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An act to add Section ~~41857~~ 41858 to the Education Code, relating to school transportation.

### LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 537, as amended, Aroner. School transportation: appropriation.

Existing law establishes a formula for the apportionment by the Superintendent of Public Instruction of an amount from the State School Fund to fund home-to-school transportation.

This bill would establish an alternative formula for funding home-to-school transportation for ~~a~~ *an eligible* school district ~~in which~~ *and would make a school district eligible if* at least 50% of the pupils enrolled in the district qualified for free and reduced price ~~lunches~~ *meals*, ~~the~~ *the* district's *basic* home-to-school transportation entitlement was less than 15% of the district's home-to-school approved expenses, and the number of average daily boardings by pupils enrolled in the school district who use public transit as home-to-school transportation in the 1997–98 fiscal year exceeded 30% of the district's enrollment.

This bill would make these provisions operative only in fiscal years in which funds are appropriated in the Budget Act for that fiscal year for the purposes of this bill. The bill would limit annual expenditure for these purposes to not more than \$500,000. ~~The funds appropriated by this bill would be applied toward the minimum funding requirement for school districts and community college districts imposed by Section 8 of Article XVI of the California Constitution.~~

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

- 1 SECTION 1. Section ~~41857~~ 41858 is added to the  
2 Education Code, to read:  
3 ~~41857.~~  
4 41858. (a) Notwithstanding any other provision of  
5 law, for purposes of this article, commencing with the  
6 1999–2000 fiscal year and each fiscal year thereafter, the  
7 home-to-school transportation allowance received by a  
8 school district that is eligible pursuant to subdivision (b)  
9 *shall be* established at an amount equal to the district  
10 prior year CBEDS enrollment times the *prior year*  
11 statewide average per pupil allowance for  
12 home-to-school transportation, but in no event shall the  
13 home-to-school transportation allowance be in an amount  
14 greater than the approved costs of home-to-school  
15 transportation received by that district for that fiscal year.  
16 (b) A school district is eligible for a home-to-school  
17 transportation allowance pursuant to subdivision (a) if it  
18 meets all of the following conditions:  
19 (1) At least 50 percent of the pupils enrolled in the  
20 district qualified for free and reduced price ~~lunches~~  
21 ~~according to data from the 1997 CBEDS.~~ *meals, as*  
22 *reported in 1997 to the Superintendent of Public*  
23 *Instruction.*  
24 (2) The district's *basic* home-to-school transportation  
25 entitlement, *exclusive of any funding available for*  
26 *home-to-school transportation from supplemental grants*  
27 *or transportation equalization formulas*, was less than 15

1 percent of the district's home-to-school approved  
2 expenses, as reported by Exhibit 1-A of the State  
3 Department of Education's 1997-98 home-to-school  
4 transportation apportionment exhibit.

5 (3) The number of average daily boardings by pupils  
6 enrolled in the school district who use public transit as  
7 home-to-school transportation in the 1997-98 fiscal year,  
8 *as reported to the State Department of Education by the*  
9 *school district*, exceeded 30 percent of the district's  
10 CBEDS enrollment.

11 (c) This section shall be operative only during those  
12 fiscal years in which funds are appropriated in the Budget  
13 Act for that fiscal year for the purposes of this section.

14 (d) Not more than five hundred thousand dollars  
15 (\$500,000) may be expended annually pursuant to this  
16 section.

